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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SUMS UP VENEZUELAN FOREIGN POLICY

1. VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAMON ESCOVAR SALOM IN A SPEECH TO THE CARACAS ROTARY CLUB FEBRUARY 26 SUMMED UP VENEZUELA'S FOREIGN POLICY AS FOLLOWS: "WE HAVE TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE IT IS OUR NATURAL CONTINENT, BECAUSE IT IS THE NORMAL BACKGROUND TO THE NATION'S HISTORIC EXISTENCE AND ITS POLITICAL DESTINY, AND WE HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES BECAUSE WE CAN DEVELOP IMPORTANT INTERCHANGES WITH THEM IN THE FUTURE."

2. CONTINUING, ESCOVAR SAID, "WHEREAS, IN YEARS PAST A NATION'S INTERNAL POLICY WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, NOW IT IS NECESSARY AND IMPERATIVE THAT A NATION HAVE INTERCHANGES AT EVERY LEVEL WITH COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT IS IN CONTACT." HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN POLICY IN ALL HUMAN ACTIVITIES, AND MENTIONED AS AN EXAMPLE THE INTERNATIONAL RAMIFICATIONS OF METEOROLOGY.

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3. CONCERNING A NATION'S NATURAL RESOURCES, ESCOVAR SAID THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST DEFEND THEIR RAW MATERIALS "INASMUCH AS PRICES FOR THESE PRODUCTS ARE DISPROPORTIONATE IN RELATION TO PRICES OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS WHICH THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS SELL US." ESCOVAR NOTED THAT IN THE PAST WORLD STABILITY RESULTED FROM THREE OR FOUR WORLD POWERS REACHING AGREEMENT AMONG THEMSELVES, BUT "THIS NO LONGER CORRESPONDS TO REALITY, AND OTHER NATIONS OUGHT TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT."

4. FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR DEPARTED VENEZUELA LATE FEBRUARY 26 FOR ALGIERS WHERE HE WILL OVERSEE ARRANGMENTS FOR PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ' ATTENDANCE AT THE OPEC SUMMIT NEXT WEEK. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, ESCOVAR IS TRAVELLING VIA LONDON AND PARIS AND WILL ARRIVE IN ALGIERS FEBRUARY 28.  
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